- about 1 to 75% by weight uncrosslinked, linear water soluble polymers comprising a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose;

- up to about 10% by weight talc; and

- up to about 10% by weight magnesium stearate.

4. **(Amended)** The device of claim 1, wherein said polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alchohol are Carbopol resins.

8. **(Amended)** The device of claim 1, wherein said device additionally comprises up to about 95% by weight granulating and tableting aids.

9. **(Amended)** A controlled release pharmaceutical delivery device which provides sustained or pulsatile delivery of a selected pharmaceutically active substance for a predetermined period of time, said device comprising;

- about 1 to less than 50% by weight of a mixture of hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose;

- about 1 to 60% by weight of ethylcellulose;

- about 1 to 80% by weight of at least one Carbopol® resin;

- up to about 10% by weight of talc;

- up to about 10% by weight of magnesium stearate; and

- up to about 95% by weight granulating and tableting aids.

23. **(Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising;

- about 1 to 80% by weight pharmaceutically active agent;

- up to about 50% by weight covalently crosslinked water insoluble, water-swellable polymers comprising polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alchohol; and

- about 1 to 75% by weight uncrosslinked, linear water soluble polymers comprising a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

30. **(Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- about 1 to 80% pharmaceutically active agent;

- about 1 to 60% by weight of hydroxyethylcellulose;
- about 1 to 75% by weight of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose;
- about 1 to 60% by weight of ethylcellulose;
- up to about 50% by weight of at least one Carbopol® resin;
- about less than 10% by weight of talc;
- about less than 10% by weight of magnesium stearate; and
- about less than 95% by weight granulating and tableting aids.

32. **(Amended)** A controlled release pharmaceutical delivery device which provides sustained or pulsatile delivery of a selected pharmaceutically active substance for a predetermined period of time, said device comprising;

- up to about 50% by weight covalently crosslinked water insoluble, water-swellable polymers comprising polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alchohol;
- about 1 to 75% by weight uncrosslinked, linear water soluble polymers comprising a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; and
- about 0.5 to 50% by weight of a coating material comprising anionic polymers based on methacrylic acid and methacrylic acid esters or neutral methacrylic acid esters with trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride or cellulose esters.

33. **(Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising;

- about 1 to 80% by weight pharmaceutically active agent;
- up to about 50% by weight covalently crosslinked water insoluble, water-swellable polymers comprising polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alchohol;
- about 1 to 75% by weight uncrosslinked, linear water soluble polymers comprising a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; and
- about 0.5 to 50% by weight of a coating material comprising anionic polymers based on methacrylic acid and methacrylic acid esters or neutral methacrylic acid esters with trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride or cellulose esters.